Legislature Asked To Reduce Cancel Heber Creeper Appro

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State Sen. Scott Howell, (D-Sandy) is sponsoring a bill, HR 152, that would repeal the $1.6 million appropriated by the Legislature last year to purchase and rehabilitate the Heber Creeper. Sen. Alarik Myrin, (R-Altamont) is sponsoring a bill, HR 167, that would keep the appropriation but reduce it by $370,000.

A hearing on Myrin's bill is tentatively scheduled in the Senate Transportation and Public Safety standing committee, Thursday at 4:00 p.m in room 225 in the Capitol Building.

The bill is being rewritten and was not available at press time. But Myrin reported that UDOT told him the $1.2 million of the appropriation set aside for purchasing the railroad could be reduced to about $900,000. He said his bill would "free up" a total $370,100 of state money.

He said Monday that he expected support for both bills would be close. He said he thought there was enough support for his bill for him to continue with it in the committee. But with new revenue estimates for the state coming in lower than the original estimates, he said there will be more pressure to eliminate the money set aside for the railroad.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Division of Parks and Recreation own the railroad right of way. Last October the owner of the railroad, Lowe Ashton, refused UDOT's offer to buy all the Heber Creeper assets for $1,030,150, and negotiations have been at a standstill since then.

But Myrin said, "There's a possibility that [the railroad] will become available, or part of it. The idea is just to be prepared if something does become available."

Glen Topham, UDOT assistant director, reported a few weeks ago that none of the three legislators representing Wasatch County intended to bring up the appropriation this year and that it would just be left as it is. But Myrin pointed out that the original appropriation bill stipulated that the railroad assets were to have been transferred to the state in time for the 1990 summer operating season. He said his bill would delete that language in order to "roll the money over" for another year.

However, the 1990 appropriation also bill says, "The money appropriated by this act is nonlapsing."

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